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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.	10/004,645	
Examiner	YOSHITAKA ET AL.	
Jennifer Kim	Art Unit 1617	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2004.
2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,17 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1,17,27 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed January 9, 2004 have been received and entered into the application.

Action Summary

The rejection of claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is hereby expressly withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment.

Applicants' arguments with respect to claims 1, 17, and 27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1, 17 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

With regard to claims 1 and 17, the limitation of the substituents "R₄" is indefinite since it is not indicated in the structure set forth in the claims.

With regard to claim 27, the limitation of the substituents “ α ” is indefinite since it is not recited in the claim. The limitation of the substituents “a” is indefinite since it is not included in the structure set forth in claim 27.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Torley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,876,252) of record.

Torley et al. teach a compound of structural formula set forth in claim 27, (N-[2-(Diethylamino)ethyl]-4-[[4-3-pyridinyl)-2-pyrimidinyl]amino]benzamide) is useful for the treatment of diabetes in mammal. (column, 2, lines 14-17, Example 265). It is noted that the compound in example 265 is anticipated by the cited reference wherein R7 is heterocycle; R5=R8=H; R6=(CH₂)₂NR₉R₁₀; (R₉ or R₁₀ is hydrogen or alkyl independently). Applicants' recitation in claims of the mechanism of inhibiting the JNK pathway by which the active ingredient gives the pharmacological effect does not alter the fact that the compound has been previously used to obtain the same

pharmacological effects which would result from the claimed method. The patient, condition to be treated and the effect are the same. An explanation of why that effect occurs does not make novel or even unobvious the treatment of the conditions encompassed by the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Green et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,693,108 B2).

Green et al. teach Applicant's active agent from general formula I of Green et al. (wherein R1=Ar2= substituted aryl; Q-NH = Pyrimidin-2-ylamine; G is Ar1=substituted aryl with substituents of X-Y-Z; encompasses Applicants' active agent of compound set forth in claims 1 and 17 for the treatment of a variety of disorders including osteoporosis, ischemia, hepatic ischemia, diabetes, graft vs. host disease and myocardial infarction. (abstract, column 3, line 53 – column 4, line 65, column 9, Table I, IIA-5, column 51, lines 5-10, lines 60-65, column 52, line 4). Green et al. teach the compound is an inhibitor of JNK. (column 3, lines 35-50).

Green et al. do not expressly teach the species set forth in claim 1 and 17.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ any active agent taught by general formula I taught by Green et al. for the treatment of the disorders associated with JNK pathway because Green et al. teach the general structure of the compounds effective for the variety of disorders including osteoporosis, ischemia, hepatic ischemia, diabetes, graft vs. host disease and myocardial infarction. One would have been motivated to employ any of compounds derived from the general formula I in order to effectively treat variety of disorders as taught by Green et al.

For these reasons the claimed subject matter is deemed to fail to patentably distinguish over the state of the art as represented by the cited references. The claims are therefore properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.

None of the claims are allowed.

Applicants' amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

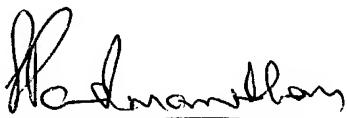
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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-0628. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 3 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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